

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 15, 19, 20, 26, 29, 30 and 43 have been amended and remain in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Examiner did not consider the information disclosure statement filed 11-2-05. The Examiner stated that the IDS fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individuals designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent listed that is not in the English language.

Applicants respectfully note that the IDS filed 11-2-05 states that the documents listed were cited in a Korean Office Action mailed on December 29, 2004 directed to a counterpart foreign application. Applicant respectfully submits that this is a statement of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individuals designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information.

Claims 1, 15, 29 and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The examiner indicated that the abbreviation "BBS" renders the claims indefinite.

Accordingly, claims 1, 15, 29 and 43 have been amended to replace "BBS" with "Bulletin Board System." It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 15, 29 and 43, as amended, are in compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiecha (US 5,870,717) in view of Manchala (US 6,405,178 B1), taken together or together in combination with an additional reference.

These rejections are traversed with respect to the claims, as amended.

The amended claims are directed to a method or system comprising a combination of elements. In representative claim 1, for example, the claimed combination includes the steps of registering, by an order-entry subsystem, price information designating a price of a commodity, in a database of a business management system and creating, by the order-reception subsystem, an order form for purchasing commodities and a catalog, based on the price information. Support for this

recitation appears in the present application at, for example, page 29, lines 3-9 (which state that right after the seller 5 and user 1 inputs information regarding the set payment as a price /charge of each commodity/support which is frequently purchased/requested by the user 1 at the time of user registration or at any time, the user price registration section 27b registers the price information in the user information database 61. The catalog creating section 28a creates an order form for purchasing commodities and a catalog, based on the price information of the commodity and support and user personal information which are stored in the user-information database 61).


A similar combination of elements, including the registering and creating steps described above, is neither disclosed nor suggested in any of the cited references, viewed alone or in combination.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 116692001000.

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